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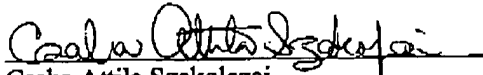
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This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2004 that made restriction and election of species requirements. Applicants were requested to elect one of the two designated groups:

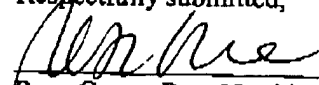
Group I: Claims 1 – 11, directed to a process for purifying a cell-derived product, and

Group II: Claims 12 – 21, directed to a process for purifying a fermentation-derived product.

In response to these requirements, Applicants hereby elect with traverse the invention of Group II. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the nonelected subject matter.

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